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A Proclamation to Prorogue the Assembly of the Lords and Commons of Parliament at Oxford, untill the ninth day of November next.

WHEREAS by Our Proclamation bearing date the 22th day of *December* last, for the Reasons therein Expressed, We Assembled, at Our City of *Oxford* the 22. day of *January* last, the Members of both Our Houses of Parliament, which Assembly was, by Our Consent, Adjourned, untill the 8th day of *October* next; We now taking into Our Princely Consideration, the present Difficulties in the Passage unto Our said City of *Oxford*, and the Dangers, that those Members of both Houses may thereby incurre, if they should reassemble at the said time and place, before the severall Counties about *Oxford* be cleared from the Rebells Forces, that infest those, and other Parts, through which the said Members must necessarily passe, and the Incertainty of Our Returne to *Oxford*, so soon as the time appointed; And We most earnestly desiring, as soon as with Conveniency may be, to be assisted with the Councell, and Advice of the said Members of both Our Houses of Parliament, and to have them Witnesses of all Our Actions, and Proceedings, in order to the Peace of this Our Kingdome, and the good of Our People; have resolved to respite the meeting of the said Assembly, till such time as it may consist with the present Condition of Our Affaires, and be convenient for the Members Accesse to Us. And to that end, We doe hereby Declare, Our Will and Pleasure to be, That the meeting of the said Assembly at *Oxford*, be prorogued, from the said 8th day of *October* next, untill the 9th day of *November* next. And We doe hereby Will, and Require all the Members of both Houses, mentioned in Our said Proclamation to Assemble themselves together at Our City of *Oxford*, upon the said 9th day of *November*, next ensuing the date hereof, where all possible Care shall be taken, for their free Passage and Accommodation, and where (We being debarred by force of Armes, to receive their Advice at Our City of *Westminster*) all Our good Subjects shall behold Our constant Care, and Resolution, to prepare, promote, and perfect, by the concurrent Councells of the said Members of both Houses of Parliament, all meanes consisting with piety towards Almighty God, and Justice to Our Selves and them, which may best prevent that generall Desolation which will inevitably follow the continuance of this Warre, and to endeavour to remove all Impediments, that obstruct the way to a happy Peace to this Nation, and Our other Kingdomes, which out of Our Princely, and Fatherly Compassion of Our Peoples sufferings, and Calamities, under the inevitable pressures of a Civill Warre, and Forreigne Invasion, We doe, and ever shall, preferre before all earthly Blessings that may befall Us, and dayly implore the God of Peace to vouchsafe it Us, and Our People. And Our Pleasure is, That this Our Proclamation be Read in all Churches, and Chappells within this Our Kingdome, and Dominion of *Wales*. *Given at Our Court at* Exceter, *the Twenty first day of* September, *in the Twentieth yeare of Our Reigne.* 1644.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

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